(b) when the works will be started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The question is receiving the consideration of Government.

b) When funds permit.

Tenders—Public Works Department.

76. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the average number of days for the last one year, intervening between the call for tenders of the Public Works Department in the Government Gazette and the final date fixed for the submission of the tenders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The general rule is to allow about 10 days for submission of tenders.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether this has been acted up for the last one year invariably.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It has been acted up.

Concentration of land in the hands of a few.

77. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what forces are at work, contributing to the concentration of land in the hands of a few ;

(b) how the Government intend to counter-act the evil?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The general economic laws of society.

(b) Lands are, when possible, set apart for assignment to the poorer classes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether we can have a socialistic state here if these economic laws can be overwhelmed.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not a supplementary question asking for information. It is discussion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You could have answered like that. I want to ask whether it is not the capitalistic system that works the trouble.

President.—It is a matter of opinion. One Member may have one view and another a quite different view.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But he is not answering my question.

President.—That is because it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then he could have said like that.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Hon'ble Members must put the questions to the Chair. They cannot say 'He, He'.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether the Hon'ble Member can speak nonsense when Hon'ble Members ask questions.

President.—Order, order.

Canal Jetties.

78. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Canal jetties in Ernakulam, where the Canal Officers hold office to check;

(b) the number of jetties from which line boats start;

(c) whether all boats are allowed to start from both the jetties;

(d) why not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) One.

(b) The Canal jetty is the main landing place for the motor line boats in Ernakulam, The Jail jetty is being used by a few boats for the convenience of passengers coming by trains.

(c) and (d) For purposes of control it is necessary to have all the boats starting and landing at one jetty. But due to insufficiency of jetty accommodation and for reasons mentioned in answer to sub-division (b), a few boats are allowed to use the Jail jetty.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the motor boats of Messrs. Navigation, Syndicate, the Public Relief Company allowed to take train passengers from that jetty?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, I think so.

Electric light—Ernakulam Canal jetty.

79. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long it is since an electric light was installed in the Ernakulam Canal jetty;

(b) how long did it work and how long did it not;

(c) and what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The electric light was installed in Medam 1106.

(b) The wires leading to the lights were broken due to storm by the middle of Chingam.

(c) Action is being taken for its repairs.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, what action has been taken against those responsible for the slackening of action in this respect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not brought to my notice that there was any slackening of action. For the repairs they had to get wires elsewhere and that

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